

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Serbia
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	169-0200
Status:	New
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$11,500,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$15,000,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Completion Date:	2006

Summary: USAID's Democratic Transition program promotes more effective, responsive, and accountable democratic institutions in Serbia through technical assistance, training, and grants designed to:

- strengthen civil society, media and labor;
- improve political processes, including elections; and
- promote the rule of law.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

USAID continues political process and election assistance, civil society and labor assistance, independent media strengthening, and judicial reform/rule of law activities in FY 2003 under a new Strategic Objective, 169-0200: More Effective, Responsive, and Accountable Democratic Institutions.

Civil society, media, and labor support (\$7,694,660 AEEB). In FY 2003, USAID will continue to support civil society organizations realize programs centered on engaging citizens in the reform process. A key goal is to move assisted organizations onto a path to self-sustainability through more effective internal management, strategic planning, use of technology, fundraising, volunteer mobilization, and staff development. USAID will provide support to Nezavisnost, Serbia's leading independent trade union, to develop strategically, to increase women's leadership roles within the organization, and to build bridges to Serbia's state union to promote broader buy-in into the economic reform process. USAID also continues to support programs to nurture independent media in Serbia by assisting both print and broadcast outlets in delivering objective, fact-based reporting and informative programming to the republic's citizens and to equip these media organizations to compete in Serbia's emerging media market. The implementers are Freedom House, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ABA/CEELI), and International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).

Political process and elections (\$3,805,340 AEEB). This program continues to support training for democratically-oriented party activists and leaders in connecting more effectively with voters and in governing more responsively once elected. In the period preceding anticipated presidential and parliamentary elections in 2003, party support will be scaled back in favor of activities such as domestic monitoring that emphasize a free and fair electoral process for the duration of the immediate pre-election period through the elections themselves. The implementers are the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Republican Institute (IRI).

FY 2004 Program:

Civil Society, labor, and political process (\$5,827,387 AEEB). In FY 2004, continued funding will further develop civil society, independent labor unions, independent media and a democratically-oriented political process through technical assistance, training, grants, and regional and U.S.-based exchanges. By the end of this program in FY 2005, assistance is expected to result in increased services and organizational development resources available to NGOs, progress in moving the process of truth and reconciliation

forward through dialogue and action, increasingly available legal services and support for the victims of ethnic and other forms of discrimination, and concrete steps taken to help Serbia reintegrate with her Balkan neighbors through cross-border cooperation. By 2005, the labor support program is expected to have increased labor buy-in on critical economic reforms. The NDI program will seek to move the Center for Free Elections and Democracy (CeSID) towards sustainability, while continuing its efforts to make government and political parties more responsive to citizens through an increasingly specialized program of training and assistance. IRI also seeks to ensure that by the close of its program, assisted political parties will be substantially more sophisticated in their knowledge of citizen preferences, and more responsive in using this information in the policy process. Its organizational partners OTPOR and G17 Plus, like CeSID, are expected to institute sound organizational governance strategies that will help them sustain their activities into the future. The implementing partners are Freedom House, ACILS, NDI, and IRI.

Independent media (\$4,097,613 AEEB). Independent media assistance will continue following the conclusion of the program implemented by IREX through a competitively selected successor.

Rule of law (\$5,000,000 AEEB). The previously funded and obligated program implemented by ABA/CEELI ends in December 2003. A design effort will be undertaken in FY 2003 to identify a program of assistance to Serbia's legal profession and/or courts that will build upon USAID's efforts to date and continue for an estimated three years. Prospective areas of assistance may include targeted assistance to specialized courts and agencies, court administration, case tracking, expanded efforts in legal aid, information technology improvements in selected courts, and/or assistance to professional associations.

Anti-trafficking (\$75,000 AEEB). Additional anti-trafficking program grants will be awarded following an Annual Program Statement the Mission plans to issue by early 2004.

Performance and Results: USAID expects the democratic institutions targeted under this program to function more effectively, transparently, and in a more accountable fashion. Given the state of the economy and the still-fragile state of democratic governance in Serbia, USAID does not expect targeted organizations to become dramatically less reliant on support from international organizations during the strategy period, nor do we expect a fully consolidated democracy to take root. USAID anticipates that with occasional reversals, Serbia's democratic transition will continue to advance over the life of this SO. Anticipated results to be achieved include: advanced civic dialogue on critical issues, more sustainable NGO activities, independent labor unions engaged more closely in productive dialogue with government and business, more capable print and broadcast media, coverage of the Hague trial proceedings to facilitate truth and reconciliation in Serbia; political parties equipped with strategies to govern more responsively and effectively, free and fair elections achieved, and a judiciary and legal sector that functions more independently and professionally.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Serbia

169-0200 Democracy and Governance	AEEB
Through September 30, 2001	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2002	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA	
Obligations	11,500
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	11,500
Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	15,000
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	26,500